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E.O. 12065: RDS-1, 5/20/80 (BREISKY, ARTHUR E) DR-M
TAGS: SHUN, UR: 84, US
SUBJ: NEW INITIATIVES AND INFORMATION ON THE WALLENBERG CASE

1. (C) SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER ULLSTE WILL RAISE THE
WALLENBERG CASE WITH GROMYKO DURING HIS MAY 29-30 VISIT
TO MOSCOW. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE SKEPTICAL
ABOUT THE CLAIMS OF A NEW SELF-STYLED WITNESS. END SUMMARY.

2. (S) FOREIGN MINISTER ULLSTEN WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW TO MAKE THE FIRST SWEDISH DEMARCHE
TO THE SOVIETS THIS YEAR ON THE WALLENBERG CASE. (THERE
WERE TWO IMPORTANT DEMARCHES IN 1979.) HE WILL DO SO
CERTAINLY WITH SOME TREPIDATION, SINCE THE LAST TIME A
DEMARCHE WAS MADE AT THIS LEVEL DURING A SOVIET OFFICIAL
VISIT TO SWEDEN, WE UNDERSTAND THE SOVIETS THREATENED TO BREAK OFF
THE TALKS.

3. (S) OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE WILL SAY THAT
THIS CASE CONTINUES TO HAMPER GOOD RELATIONS. WE WILL
ASK FOR INFORMATION AS TO WHY WALLENBERG WAS ARRESTED
IN 1949. WE WILL POINT OUT THAT WITNESSES HAVE CONTRA-

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DICTED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN THE 1980'S THAT WALLEBERG DIED IN A MOSCOW PRISON IN 1947. HE WILL URGE STRONGLY THAT THE SOVIETS UNDERTAKE A NEW INVESTIGATION AND WILL OFFER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, ALL THIS WITHOUT MUCH OPTIMISM.

4. (C) SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TALKING TO A NEW SELF-PROCLAIMED WITNESS, WHO CAME OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION THE BEGINNING OF 1979 AND IS NOW RESIDING IN BERLIN, WHERE HE IS ACTIVELY SEEKING PERMISSION TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES. HE IS ISAAC ABRAHAMOVICH MILLER. SOME TIME AGO MILLER RESPONDED TO AN ADVERTISEMENT FROM THE DANISH BAKHAROV COMMITTEE SEEKING INFORMATION ON WALLEBERG. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN WALLEBERG ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN SIBERIAN PRISON CAMPS, INCLUDING HAVING BEEN TOGETHER WITH HIM FOR A FIVE-STRETCH BETWEEN 1947 AND 1952. HIS CLAIMS WERE ORIGINALLY MADE PUBLIC IN THE DANISH PRESS. TRANSLATIONS OF TWO SWEDISH ARTICLES WILL BE FURNISHED TO EUR/NE. A SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO TRAVELED TO BERLIN LAST WEEK TO INTERVIEW MILLER RETURNED ALMOST TOTALLY CONVINCED THAT MILLER DID NOT KNOW OR SEE WALLEBERG AND THAT HE MAY BE MAKING UP THE STORY IN THE BELIEF THAT IT COULD HELP OBTAIN ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES. WHAT HE SEEMS TO KNOW ABOUT WALLEBERG HE COULD HAVE GOT FROM PRESS SOURCES. HE WAS UNABLE TO SUGGEST MORE THAN VERY VAGUELY THE NAMES OF OTHERS WHO MIGHT HAVE SHARED HIS EXPERIENCES, AND THESE FEW CLAIMS ARE BEING CHECKED WITH PRO AND ISRAELI SERVICES.

5. (C) THE TRAIL HAS ALSO LED TO ISRAEL, WHERE A FRIEND OF MILLER'S BY THE NAME OF NEUMAN (UNCERTAIN SPELLING) NOW APPARENTLY IS CLAIMING THAT HE TOO SAW WALLEBERG IN 1978. THERE IS NO REASON YET TO GIVE THIS CLAIM CREDENCE.

6. (C) THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS TAKING A NEW LOOK, HOWEVER, AT INFORMATION GIVEN IN 1974 BY MENACHAN NELZER, NOW RESIDENT IN VIENNA, WHO CLAIMED IN 1974 THAT HE GAVE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO WALLEBERG AT A CAMP NORTH OF VERNUTA (CHALMER-JU) IN THE SUMMER OF 1948. THIS CAMP IS IN THE

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SAME GENERAL AREA THAT MILLER WAS REFERRED TO.

7. (C) ALL IN ALL, THERE IS VERY LITTLE THAT IS NEW AND PERSUASIVE FROM THE NEW "WITNESSES" IN THE GALLEBERG CASE. WE REPORT THIS LATEST IN PART TO UNDERLINE THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS LEAVING NO INFORMATION UNCHECKED. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ALSO TO REITERATE SWEDISH APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE US AUTHORITIES OVER THE PAST YEAR IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS.
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